Appointment of Judges in High Courts from District Judiciary

1110. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government give due consideration to the members of district judiciary of the State while making appointment of the Judges of the High Court in that State;

(b) if so, what is the number of Judges of the High Courts appointed through bar and judiciary separately in different States during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Members of bar are preferred in the appointment of Judges of the High Court as compared to members of district judiciary;

(d) if so, whether Government plan to give a fair deal to the members of district judiciary in the appointment of High Court Judges; and

(e) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative; what are the reasons for small number of High Court Judges from District Judiciary?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last 3 years, 71 persons from the Bar and 73 from the Judicial service have been appointed in different High Courts.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The number of High Court Judges from the District Judiciary is not small.

Issue of identity cards in border areas

1111. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any scheme for issue of identity cards to the inhabitants of border areas;

(b) if so, what are the details of such scheme;

(c) whether this scheme has been successful in checking clendestine inflow of foreigners into India;

(d) if so, to what extent; and

(e) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, what steps Government propose to take to check the clendestine inflow of foreigners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) A Pilot Scheme for issue of identity cards to persons living in selected border areas of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Punjab has been taken up, While in Rajasthan and Gujarat, it is under implementation, in Punjab it is only in the initial stages. The scheme is centrally funded. 90 per cent of the expenditure is given as grant and 10 per cent as loan to the State Government.

(c) to (e) The efficacy of the scheme will be known only after its full implementation and evaluation.

"Projects pending clearance from Madhya Pradesh"

1112. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many projects in Madhya Pradesh are pending and are being delayed for want of "Environmental Clearance";

(b) if so, what are the details of such projects; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Government to expedite the "Environmental Clearance" to such projects?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The list of development pro-

jects pending for environmental clearance from the State of Madhya Pradesh is given in the Annexed statement. (*See* below).

(c) Most projects are pending only because of non-submission of required data. There is regular follow-up with the project authorities so that all essential data and Environmental Action Plans are submitted quickly for reaching an expeditious decision.

Statement

Projects pending environmental clearance from Madhya Pradesh

S. No.	Name of the Project	Status
I.	*River Valley Projects*	
	Nil	
II.	*Thermal Power Projects*	
	1. Mand Thermal Power Station 2×210	Details of rehabilitation and forest land to be affected by the project are awaited.
	2. Guna Gas Turbine Power Station (3×100MW+1×150MW)	Environmental Impact Statement firm commitment regarding availability of gas and water, NCC from the State Pollution Control Board are still to be received.
	3. Jhabua Gas Turbine Power Station (3×100MW+1×150MW)	
	4. Rajgarh Gas Turbine Power Station (3×100MW+1×150MW)	
	5. Vindhyachal Thermal Power Station Stage-II (2×500MW)	Integrated Environment Impact Statement is awaited.
III.	*Industrial Projects*	
	6. Modernisation, Renovation & substantial expansion project at Nepanagar.	Basic enrivonmental data and Disaster Management Plan is awaited.
IV.	*Mining Projects*	
	7. Jamuna Colliery, Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL).	
	8. Reorganisation of Nandan Colliery, WCL.	
	9. Tandsi Colliery, WCL . . .	These projects have been found suitable for the environmental clearance but pending due to forestry clearance.
	10. Biladila Deposit 11-C Project NMDC	
	11. Fine Ore Handling Scheme for Biladila Deposit, NMDC	
	12. Churcha West Colliery, WCL .	Revised Environmental Management Plans are awaited.
	13. Dugga (Bhatgaon) Opencast Project, WCL	Environmental Management Plan received recently is under examination.
	14. Central Workshop (Jayant) at Singrauli, NCL.	
	15. Bailadila Deposit 14 projects, NDMC.	
	16. Rowghat Iron Ore Project, Bhilai Steel Plant.	Alternate transport route and possibility of raw material availability from Bailadila is being examined.